

UNDEFINED SCOPE OF PRACTICE: EMT-P

- I. AUTHORITY: *Health and Safety Code, Sections 17901 and 1798; California Code of Regulations, Section 100144.*
- II. APPLICATION: Only procedures and medications approved by the Medical Director of the local EMS agency may be used.
- This policy defines the process for approval of the addition of a medication(s) or procedure(s) to the undefined scope of practice in Orange County.
- III. REQUEST FOR Any individual, including base hospitals or provider
MEDICATION(S) tion or procedure to the undefined scope of practice. This request shall be in writing and include the rationale for submitting the request and appropriate supporting information regarding efficacy and safety.
- IV. EMS RESPONSIBILITIES:
- A. Upon receipt of an optional scope written request, the OCEMS Agency Medical Director shall review the request and may approve, disapprove, or submit the request to the appropriate Orange County committee for evaluation.
- B. If the OCEMS Agency Medical Director approves the request, and the medication or procedure is not in the State Paramedic Defined Scope of Practice (California Code of Regulations Section 100144), the OCEMS Agency Medical Director shall make application to the State EMS Authority (EMSA) and the EMS Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) Scope of Practice Committee for approval.
- Procedures which are non invasive and diagnostic in nature, as determined by the OCEMS Agency Medical Director, do not require EMSA and EMDAC approval.
- C. Upon approval by the State EMS Authority, the OCEMS Agency shall prepare appropriate protocols and arrange for training.
- V. TRIAL STUDIES: Requests for trial studies or when a trial study is deemed appropriate by the OCEMS Agency Medical Director before adoption of a medication or procedure into the local scope of practice, shall undergo an appropriate trial study (see OCEMS Agency Policy/Procedure #330.45).